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For: Use of Substituted 4-Biarylbutyric and 5-Biarylpentanoic Acid Derivatives for the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted in the above-identified national stage application of PCT/EP00/08890 filed on even date herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-7 as shown below:

1. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of multiple sclerosis, comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount of a compound of the generalized formula (I):



wherein

- (a) $(T)_x A$ represents a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety selected from the group consisting of: